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6                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
7                   FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
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9                   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
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11                   Plaintiff,

12                   v.  
13                   LUKE MICHAEL SERVAS,  
14                   Defendant.

Case No.: 2:24-CR-0042-TOR

PROTECTIVE ORDER

16         The United States of America, having applied to this Court for a Protective  
17 Order regulating disclosure of the discovery materials and the confidential and  
18 sensitive information contained therein to defense counsel in connection with the  
19 United States' ongoing discovery obligations, and the Court finding good cause  
20 therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

21         1.         The United States' Unopposed Motion for Protective Order Regulating  
22 Disclosure of Discovery and Sensitive Information is **GRANTED**.

23         2.         **Production of Sensitive Financial Information.** The United States  
24 is authorized to disclose certain financial information that includes private and  
25 personally identifying information (herein "PII"), including but not limited to Social  
26 Security Numbers, birth dates, and bank account numbers of third parties, to  
27 Defendant(s), pursuant to its discovery obligations.

1       **3. Production of Documents Regarding Loans Applied for, prepared,**  
2       **and/or Received by Third Parties.** The United States is authorized to disclose, to  
3       the extent disclosure of such information is constitutionally required or required by  
4       the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, confidential personal data, including PII,  
5       of loan applicants who are third parties to this case.

6       4. The United States is authorized to disclose all of the foregoing  
7       categories of documents, data, and information in unredacted form to counsel for  
8       Defendant(s). Upon producing these documents to Defendant(s), the United States  
9       shall designate them as “confidential” in the manner set forth below. Defendants’  
10      counsel, their personnel, and other members of the defense team may use these  
11      documents, data, and information only for purposes of the litigation, and as set forth  
12      below.

13       5. **Access to Confidential Information.** The right to access the material  
14       produced by the United States shall only include (1) attorneys representing  
15       Defendant(s) in this action; (2) experts whose review of that material is requested in  
16       connection with the presentation of the United States’ or Defendants’ case; (3)  
17       investigators, law clerks, paralegals, secretaries, and document service providers  
18       employed by Defendants’ attorneys whose review of that material is requested in  
19       connection with the preparation and presentation of Defendants’ case; (4)  
20       Defendant(s); (5) attorneys and other agents of the United States involved in the  
21       prosecution of the above-captioned case; and (6) the Court and its staff. Nothing in  
22       this Order prohibits counsel from showing a document to a witness in the course of  
23       preparing the witness. All parties shall minimize, to the greatest extent possible,  
24       disclosure of the contents of documents governed by this Protective Order, and shall  
25       disclose such information only to the extent necessary to the prosecution or defense  
26       of this action, and only in a manner consistent with the terms of this Protective Order.  
27       The right to access the material governed by this Protective Order continues until  
28       final judgment has been upheld on direct appeal and collateral review, or until such

1 review is exhausted.

2       **6. Reporting of violations of Protective Order.** Government personnel  
3 and counsel for Defendant(s) shall promptly report to the Court any known  
4 violations of this Protective Order.

5       **7. Acknowledgements.** If counsel for any Defendant, or if counsel for  
6 the United States, engages the services of non-government experts, investigators, or  
7 document service providers, whose review of documents is requested in connection  
8 with the prosecution or defense of this case, such non-parties must sign an  
9 acknowledgement of the Protective Order that (a) he/she has reviewed the Protective  
10 Order; (b) he/she understands its contents; (c) he/she agrees to access the documents  
11 only for the purposes of preparing for the case; and (d) he/she will not distribute any  
12 copies of any documents subject to the Protective Order absent further Order of the  
13 Court. Counsel for the United States and for Defendant(s) shall retain such signed  
14 acknowledgements until after final judgment has been upheld on direct appeal and  
15 collateral review. All counsel of record shall keep a list of the identity of each person  
16 to whom the materials governed by this Protective Order are disclosed and who was  
17 advised of the requirements of this Protective Order. Neither counsel for  
18 Defendant(s) nor counsel for the United States shall be required to disclose this list  
19 of persons unless ordered to do so by the Court.

20       **8. Disposition of Confidential Information.** All material subject to this  
21 Protective Order, excluding all attorney work product of attorneys for Defendant(s),  
22 must be either returned to the United States or destroyed upon its request after any  
23 final judgment has been upheld on direct appeal and collateral review, or such review  
24 is exhausted. Counsel for the United States may maintain one copy of any document  
25 in their case file and may maintain copies of any notes or summaries based on such  
26 documents in their case file.

27       **9. Filing and Use of Confidential Information.** The parties shall not file  
28 confidential documents, data, and information with, or submit them to, the Court or  
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1 reproduce their contents in any court filing unless the party files that document under  
2 seal, or all confidential or personally-identifiable information has been removed or  
3 otherwise appropriately redacted.

4       **10. Designation of Material Subject to this Protective Order.** To  
5 designate “confidential” material covered by this Protective Order, the United States  
6 shall so designate, on the material itself, in an accompanying cover letter, or on a  
7 diskette cover, by using the following designation: “CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT  
8 TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.”

9       **11. Data Protections.** All confidential materials shall be stored in  
10 encrypted and/or password protected electronic media at all times.

11       **12. Confidential Information in Open Court.** The procedures for use of  
12 designated confidential documents during any hearing or the trial of this matter shall  
13 be determined by the parties and the Court in advance of the hearing or trial. The  
14 parties shall consider redacting confidential documents to remove financial or  
15 personal identifiers, request leave to submit such documents under seal, introduce  
16 summary evidence where practicable which may be more easily redacted, and assure  
17 that all Social Security numbers and other personal identifying information  
18 associated with the names of individual persons or patients have been removed. No  
19 party shall disclose designated confidential documents in open Court without prior  
20 consideration by the Court.

21       **13. Privileges are Maintained.** Pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal  
22 Rules of Evidence, the disclosure of documents and information generated by the  
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in connection with the above-entitled case  
24 does not constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege, the work-product  
25 protection, trade secrets, or other applicable privilege or protection, in this or any  
26 other federal or state proceeding. Moreover, the production of the FBI documents  
27 does not constitute a waiver of the government’s deliberative process privilege.  
28 Defendant(s) and his/its counsel are, absent leave of this Court, barred from

1 disclosing to any third party any federal government document that has been  
2 disclosed by the government in discovery in the above-captioned matter, except to  
3 the extent that defense counsel needs to do so for preparation or use at trial or any  
4 other proceeding in litigation of the above-captioned case, in a manner consistent  
5 with the terms of this Protective Order. Unless disclosed in open court, no  
6 documents used in this case will be considered to have been publicly disclosed by  
7 virtue of their production in this case. The United States maintains its right to protect  
8 such documents from any further requests for disclosure, consistent with the law.

9       **14. Modification Permitted.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party  
10 from seeking modification of this Protective Order or from objecting to discovery  
11 that it believes to be otherwise improper.

12       **15. No Ruling on Admissibility or Discoverability.** This Protective  
13 Order does not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any particular material  
14 is properly discoverable or admissible.

15       **16. Use by Executive Branch Agencies or Congressional Entities.**  
16 Nothing contained in this Protective Order shall prevent or in any way limit or impair  
17 the right of the United States to disclose to any agency or department of the United  
18 States, or any division of any such agency or department, or to a Congressional  
19 entity, documents related to any potential violation of law or regulation, or relating  
20 to any matter within that agency's or entity's jurisdiction, nor shall anything in this  
21 Protective Order prevent or in any way limit or impair the use of such documents by  
22 an agency or Congressional entity in any proceeding relating to any potential  
23 violation of law or regulation, or relating to any matter within that agency's or  
24 entity's jurisdiction, provided, however, that the agency or Congressional entity  
25 shall maintain the confidentiality of the documents consistent with the terms of this  
26 Protective Order.

27       **17. No Waiver.** The failure to initially designate any materials as provided  
28 in paragraph 10 shall not constitute a waiver of a party's assertion that the materials  
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1 are covered by this Protective Order. If a party wishes to assert that materials  
2 produced not initially designated as confidential pursuant to this Protective Order, it  
3 must notify the other party in writing and the other party shall upon receipt of that  
4 written notice treat the materials as confidential under this Protect Order thereafter.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter  
6 this Protective Order and provide copies to counsel.

7 **DATED** this 26th day of March 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas O. Rice".

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11 United States District Judge  
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